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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/139,386 Entitled: "OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SIZING USING CLEAVABLE PRIMERS" -by Joseph Alber Monforte, Christopher hank Becker, Thomas Andrew Shaler and Daniel Joseph Pollart*

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 listing references (A12-A14) and copies of references (A12-A14).

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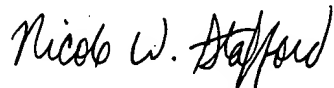
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

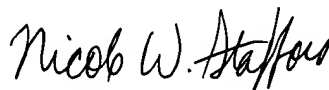
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(a)(c)(1) and (e)(2), the undersigned certifies that, to the knowledge of the undersigned, no items of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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